



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



The Parable of the Sower: The Fruitful Soil

Matthew 13:8–9, 23



Matthew 13:1–4

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.”



Matthew 13:5–9

⁵ “Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”



Matthew 13:18–21

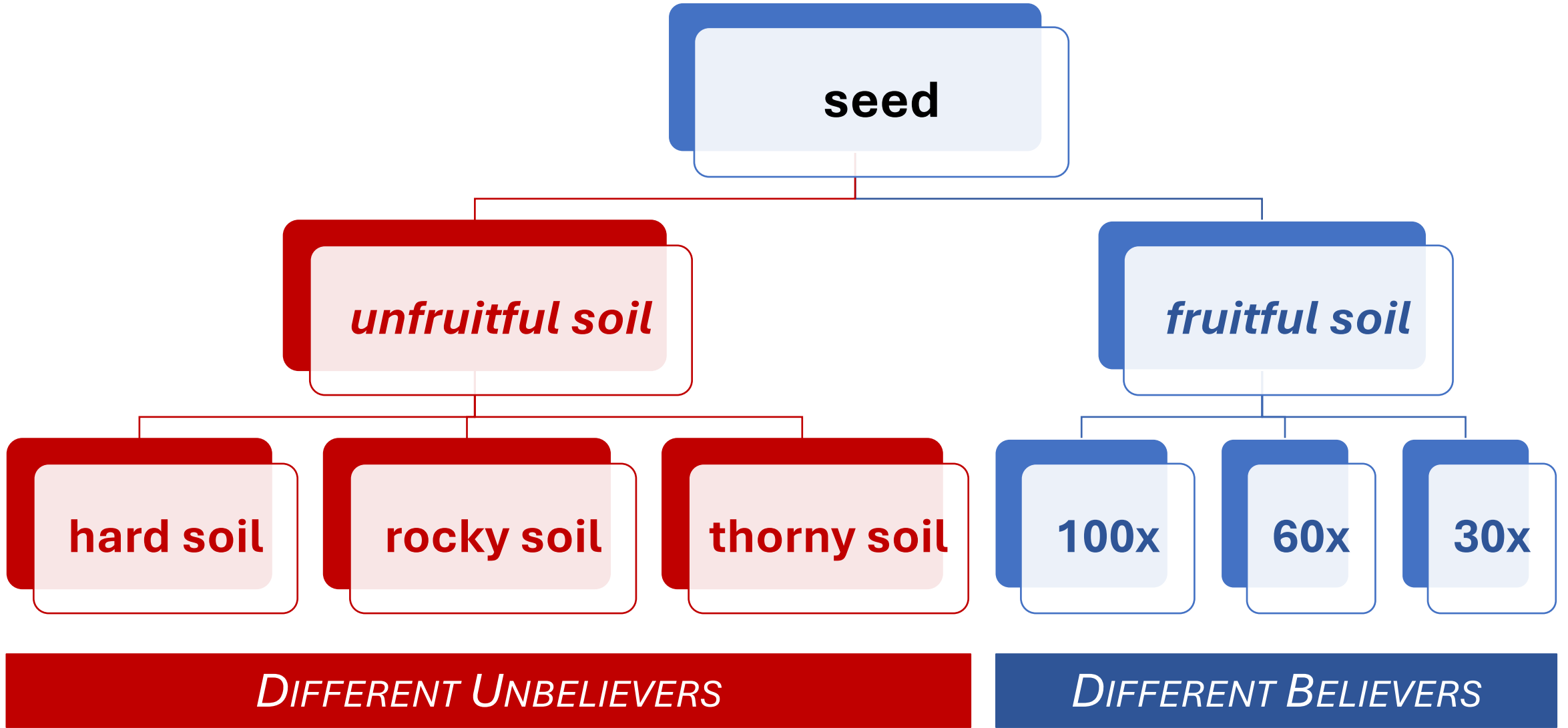
¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.”



Matthew 13:22–23

²² “As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”





1. A powerful word (13:8, 23)

⁸ “Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

²³ “As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes...



1 Peter 1:23–25

²³ ...you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.



2. A fertile heart (13:8, 23)

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²³ “As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



James 1:21

Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.



Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.



3. A lifelong obedience (13:8, 23)

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Examples of Spiritual Fruit



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- Grateful worship



Hebrews 13:15

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.



Examples of Spiritual Fruit

- Grateful worship
- Spiritual attitudes



Galatians 5:22–23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



Examples of Spiritual Fruit

- Grateful worship
- Spiritual attitudes
- Proactive obedience



James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.



Examples of Spiritual Fruit

- Grateful worship
- Spiritual attitudes
- Proactive obedience
- Loving relationships



James 3:17–18

¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



Examples of Spiritual Fruit

- Grateful worship
- Spiritual attitudes
- Proactive obedience
- Loving relationships
- Daily good works



Colossians 1:10

...bearing fruit in every good work...



Examples of Spiritual Fruit

- Grateful worship
- Spiritual attitudes
- Proactive obedience
- Loving relationships
- Daily good works
- Evangelistic influence



John 4:35–36

³⁵ “...lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life...”



Examples of Spiritual Fruit

- Grateful worship
- Spiritual attitudes
- Proactive obedience
- Loving relationships
- Daily good works
- Evangelistic influence
- Lasting endurance



Luke 8:15

“As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”



John 15:16

“I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain.”



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